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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1645

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APPLICATION NO: 10/077,111

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FOR: IDENTIFICATION AND CLONING OF A NOVEL HUMAN GENE,
RET16, INVOLVED IN THE INTRACELLULAR SIGNALING
CASCADE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, without traverse, drawn to a polynucleotide; a composition comprising the polynucleotide, a vector containing the polynucleotide, a host cell containing the vector, a method of making a polypeptide using the host cell, and a method of detecting a polynucleotide encoding a cell signaling cascade protein using the polynucleotide. Additionally, Applicants elect the polynucleotide sequence encoding a human RET16.2 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:12). This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

A two month extension of time is requested. Please charge the extension fee to
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